

*Amendments*

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

*Amendments to the Specification*

In the Specification:

Amend P.12 line B *DA 11/11/08*

Extending from the upper forward extent of the stands, 314, are a pair of pivot axis brackets, 325, holding the pivot axes, 326, which carry the moveable guide track support strut assembly, 328. Extending forward from the center of the strut assembly, 328, is a member, 330, pivotally connected at pin, 332, to piston arm, 334, which is extended and withdrawn by action of the piston, 336. The action of the piston, 336, (336-336a) may be by any means but is preferably pneumatic. The binding wire entering the apparatus, 310, from the wire supply (not shown) at the wire feed drive, 341, is directed by guide track sections 22, 26, 34, and 52, from and to the fastener head, 340, which fastens the wire into a closed loop, typically with a twist knot. The second wire guide tract section, 26, lies in the channel within the lower platen (not shown) attached to the lower following block (not shown). The fourth wire guide tract section 48, lies in a channel within the upper platen below the upper flowing block (not shown).